

OVERSIGHT—CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Alexander Acosta, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report). The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule and that it shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the bill that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehlert.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 1, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute which are printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be sub-

ject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 3, 2004**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy's Office of Science, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, and Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on Court Services, Offender Supervision Agency, and the Public Defender Service, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the role of defense science and technology in the global war on terrorism and in preparing for emerging threats in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine future Navy and Marine Corps capabilities and requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005, 2:15 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the impact of climate change, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine impact of abortion on women, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1420, to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal land by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such land, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine grants management within the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine health insurance challenges, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine building operational readiness in Foreign Affairs agencies, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing to examine the status of the completion of the National Museum of the American Indian, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine national implications of the Massachusetts Goodridge decision and the judicial invalidation of traditional marriage laws, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Forest Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on P-16 Education Systems, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Family Housing Privatization, 9:30 a.m., and on Central Command Budget Request, 3 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense Capabilities for Conducting Conventional Long-range Strike Operations, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Members' Day, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "No Child Left Behind: Improving Results for Children with Disabilities," 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the following: H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004; a measure regarding broadcast decency; the Consumer Access to Information Act of 2004; H.R. 3261, Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act; H.R. 3658, Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act; H. Res. 522, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women; S. 1881, Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act; and other pending committee business, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing on "Financial Report of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2003," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "Federal Information Technology Investment Management, Strategic Planning, and Performance Measurement: 60 Billion Reasons Why," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on United States Priorities in Europe; followed by markup of H. Res. 540, Expressing the condolences and deepest sympathies of the House of Representatives for the untimely death of Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on The Situation in Haiti, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "Minerals and Energy: Outsourcing American Jobs Overseas," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing to Review the Hydrogen Fuel and FreedomCAR Initiatives, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Department of Defense Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on Enabling Information Sharing Across the Intelligence Community, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "Department of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate Fiscal Year 2005 Budget," 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.